

THE BIG LEICESTER PAW FESTIVAL



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**A FUN FILLED DAY FOR OUR FOUR-LEGGED
FRIENDS & THEIR OWNERS**



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WELCOME FROM RSPCA WOODSIDE

We're so excited to welcome you to our first BIG Leicester Paw Festival!

Hosted by **RSPCA Woodside**, in partnership with **Everards Meadows**, the festival is a celebration of dogs, community and the incredible bond we share with our four-legged companions.

Whether you're participating in some of our dog-friendly activities or browsing our fantastic selection of local stalls, we hope you have a wonderful time exploring everything the festival has to offer.

While entry to the festival is free, every activity booked and every donation given helps change the lives of the cats and dogs in our care. As a **self-funded charity**, your support helps us provide the food, care and treatment our animals need while they wait for their second chance.

A huge **thank you** to our sponsors, partners, volunteers, exhibitors and everyone who has helped bring this event to life. And, most importantly, thank you for joining us and making our very first BIG Leicester Paw Festival so special.

We hope you have a fantastic day!

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FESTIVAL TIMETABLE

WOODSIDE RESCUE VILLAGE

- ☐ 11:15 Dog Body Language 101
- ☐ 12:00 Simple Tricks Every Dog Can Learn
- ☐ 13:30 Little Paws Club
- ☐ 14:15 Adopt or Foster: Changing a Life
- ☐ 15:45 Ask the Behaviourist
- ☐ 16:30 Dog Body Language 101
- ☐ 17:15 Simple Tricks Every Dog Can Learn

Talks with RSPCA
Woodside's Team



MAIN STAGE

DJ to play throughout the day

- ☐ 11:00 Welcome from our CEO
- ☐ 11:30 Singer - Steve Smith
- ☐ 12:15 Singer - Steve Smith
- ☐ 14:00 Singers - The Glitter Sisters Duo
- ☐ 15:15 Singer - Loomes on the Mic
- ☐ 16:15 Singer - Loomes on the Mic



BREED MEETS

OMG!

- ☐ 11:15 Tiny Tails Takeover
- ☐ 12:00 Big Dog Energy
- ☐ 12:45 Doodle & Poodle Party
- ☐ 13:30 Sausage Squad Meet Up
- ☐ 14:15 Working Dogs Hangout
- ☐ 15:00 Rescue & Mixed Breed Mixer
- ☐ 15:45 Puppy Social Club
- ☐ 16:30 Golden Hour Gathering

Meet doggy
influencers like
jesseandwoodytheboxers



FESTIVAL TIMETABLE

DOG SHOW: RING A

- ☐ 11:15 Waggiest Tail
- ☐ 12:00 Best Tiny
- ☐ 12:45 Most Mischievous Face
- ☐ 13:30 Most Handsome Dog
- ☐ 14:15 Best Puppy (under 12 months)
- ☐ 15:00 Golden Oldie (7-10 years)
- ☐ 15:45 Dog That Looks Most Like Its Owner
- ☐ 16:30 Best Ears

Winner!



AGILITY & SAUSAGE ALLEY

Agility takes place throughout the day

- ☐ 12:00 Sausage Alley
- ☐ 13:00 Sausage Alley
- ☐ 14:15 Sausage Alley
- ☐ 15:15 Sausage Alley
- ☐ 16:30 Sausage Alley

Dougiesdashcam
& Sophwigo will
be judging



DOG SHOW: RING B

- ☐ 11:15 Best Rescue Girl
- ☐ 12:00 Most Photogenic Dog
- ☐ 12:45 Best Large Breed
- ☐ 13:30 Prettiest Bitch
- ☐ 14:15 Best Adult (1-7 years)
- ☐ 15:00 Veteran Dog (10 years +)
- ☐ 15:45 Scruffiest Dog
- ☐ 16:30 Best Rescue Boy

WOW



SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

FROM 11AM

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BEERHALL

EVENT MAP



THE
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PAW FESTIVAL
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BREED MEETS

"Tiny Tails Takeover"
"Big Dog Energy"
"Doodle & Poodle Party"
"Working Dogs Hangout"
"Sausage Squad Meetup"
"Rescue & Mixed Breed Mixer"
"Puppy Social Club"
"Golden Hour Gathering"



ZIGZAG PHOTOGRAPHY THE ROYAL PAWTRAIT STUDIO PHOTO COMPETITION



DOG SHOW - A

Waggiest Tail
Most Mischievous Face
Best tiny
Most Handsome Dog
Best Puppy (under 12 months)
Golden Oldie (7+ years)
Dog That Looks Most Like Its Owner
Best Rescue Girl



DOG SHOW - B

Best Ears
Most Photogenic Dog
Best large Breed
Prettiest Bitch
Best adult (1 yr to 7 years)
Veteran Dog (10+ years)
Scruffiest Dog
Best Rescue Boy



DOG AGILITY

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Sausage Alley



STALLS

Pet Food, Pet Clothing, Pet Toys
and much more



DOG SPLASH ZONE

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Doggie Paddling Pools
Interactive Water Play



SHADED AREA "YELLOW ZONE"



WOODSIDE RESCUE VILLAGE

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Educational Talks, Pet Shop,
Puppicinio Station, Rehoming Stand,
Meet the Barney & Bella Team, Lost
Dogs and much more



STAGE AREA

Live Entertainment



BOUNCY CASTLE



DOC EVENT MEDICAL SERVICES & LOST CHILD AREA



LITTLE PAWS KIDS CORNER

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TREE CARE
Bouncy Castle, Crafts/Adventure
Trail, Animal Face Painting,
Garden Games, Calm/Sensory Area,
Adopt Centre (Soft Toys)



STALLS



TOILETS



FOOD ZONE

Choice of Food Options
& Ice Cream



EVERARDS BEERHALL

Food / Drinks / Bar, Outdoor Pizza
Area, Toilets



REGISTRATION TENT

For Dog Shows, Breed Meets, and
Sausage Alley



EMERGENCY
ASSEMBLY POINT



REGISTRATION TENT



DOG WATER
STATION



TOILETS

VISITOR INFORMATION

Accessibility:

Everards Meadows offers accessible parking, level access from the entrance to reception and wheelchair access throughout. Outdoor areas are flat but mainly grass.

First Aid:

D.O.C Event Medical Services will be on site throughout the day. For medical assistance, speak to a team member or visit the First Aid Station at **Paw 12**.

Lost Children:

All children must wear a wristband, with a guardian's name and phone number on, while at the festival. These are collected at the main entrance. If you become separated, speak to our team or visit the Lost Child Point at **Paw 12**.

Lost Dogs:

Head to Woodside Rescue Village, **Paw 9**, where our team can help reunite you with your dog. Please ensure your dog is microchipped and wearing an up-to-date ID tag.

Parking:

Parking is free for the first three hours, after which charges apply. Overflow parking is available with limited spaces. Alternatively, use PR2 Enderby Park & Ride, which runs to Fosse Park. Group tickets for up to five people cost £4.

Photography & Filming:

Photography and filming will take place throughout the day. Images and videos may be used in future promotional and marketing materials.

Toilets & Facilities:

Toilets are at Paw 15 and inside Everards Beer Hall. Accessible toilets and changing facilities are available inside the Beer Hall.

Terms & Conditions:

Dogs and children remain their owner/guardian's responsibility at all times. Dogs must be fit and suitable for activities, and all participants must follow staff instructions. RSPCA Woodside accepts no liability for injury, illness, loss or damage, except where legally required.



VISITOR INFORMATION



No unsafe or
abusive behaviour



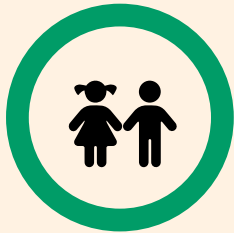
Never leave dogs
in vehicles



Alcohol must
remain in the pub



Clean up after
your dog



Supervise children
at all times



Keep dogs
on leads



Respect other dogs,
visitors and staff



Follow all staff
instructions



Use water stations
and shade zones



**COME FOR THE DOGS,
STAY FOR THE GOOD TIMES**

OUR FESTIVAL PARTNERS

The BIG Leicester Paws Festival wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of our sponsors and partners.

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Cole Builders Ltd - Dog Show
Everards - Dog Show

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AGILITY COURSE

Think you've got what it takes to be the fastest?

Put your teamwork to the test on our exciting agility course! Put your teamwork, speed and agility to the test as you and your four-legged teammate tackle our exciting agility course!

Navigate the obstacles, race against the clock and see how well you can work together.



Good to Know:

- No booking required, just turn up on the day and join the queue
- Dogs must remain on leads while waiting for their turn
- Participants must be 16 or over to take part independently
- Under 16s are welcome to participate but must be supervised by an adult

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BREED MEETS

Calling all dogs and their two-legged owners!

It's time to get tails wagging! Join fellow breed lovers for a fun-filled session where dogs can meet others just like them, make new dog and human friends, and enjoy the festival atmosphere together.



Good to Know:

- Dogs must remain on leads at all times
- Booking is required and places are booked by breed category
- Enjoy a FREE Puppuccino and strike a pose at our Dog House Photo Station
- Meet VIP guests throughout the day including: @brunetteandabulldog @nellietheshihpoo and @shadowthefriendlydog (and more!)



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LITTLE PAWS KIDS CORNER

It's time to let their imaginations run wild!

Get creative with crafts, challenge friends to games, bounce to your heart's content, or get festival-ready with some fabulous face painting. It's the perfect spot for younger visitors to play, create and make some magical festival memories.



Good to Know:

- No booking required - just turn up and join the fun
- A sensory zone is available for children who need a quieter space
- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times

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Broadleaf Midlands Tree Care is a professional tree care company serving homeowners, businesses, schools and managed sites across the East Midlands.

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MORE FUN FOR LITTLE PAWS

Adopt a Teddy

For your new furry friend and take home an adoption certificate. Prices vary depending on teddy size.



Colouring Competition

For just £1 entry, get creative for your chance to win a vet dress-up kit and behind-the-scenes tour of RSPCA Woodside



Take on the Challenge

Play Dog Breed Bingo, then find hidden letters around the festival to crack our Adventure Trail mystery word and collect a sticker

WOODSIDE RESCUE VILLAGE

Step into the heart of RSPCA Woodside!

Meet the people who make a difference to animals every day and enjoy a taste of life at RSPCA Woodside. Chat with our team, get FREE expert advice, grab a Puppuccino, browse the Pet Shop and discover the stories of dogs waiting for their forever homes.



Good to Know:

- No booking required - just turn up and explore
- The Pet Shop and Puppuccino station are open throughout the day
- FREE expert talks take place at scheduled times - check the festival timetable for details
- Say hello to the Barney & Bella Team and get expert pet advice from 2:30pm

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DOG SHOW

Think your dog has what it takes to steal the spotlight?

Get ready to show off your dog's best side! With some special guest judges, there's plenty to play for – and every first-place winner will take home a FREE photoshoot session with ZigZag Photography!



Good to Know:

- Pre-book online or register at the Dog Show Entry Tent on the day
- There's no limit to how many classes your dog can enter
- Check the festival timetable for class times
- Dogs must remain on leads and be comfortable around other dogs and people
- Under 16s are welcome to participate but must be supervised by an adult



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SPLASH ZONE

Ready to make a splash?

Cool off, have some fun and soak up the beach vibes at our dog-friendly Splash Zone! Let your four-legged friend paddle and play in the pools filled with water and toys, while you put your feet up in a deckchair nearby. It's the perfect spot for a refreshing break from the festival action.



Good to Know:

- No booking required - just turn up and make a splash
- Paddling pools are for dogs only - children must not enter the pools
- Dogs must remain on leads and be supervised at all times
- Please take care on wet and slippery surfaces

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Alongside its focus on customers, Hastings Direct supports local communities and charities, invests in sustainability and has been certified CarbonNeutral® for five consecutive years.

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SAUSAGE ALLEY

Think your dog can resist the ultimate temptation?

Put their willpower to the test in Sausage Alley! Can they make it to the finish line without sneaking a sausage, all while racing against the clock? It's a tasty challenge that will test even the strongest-willed pups!



Good to Know:

- Booking is required
- Takes place at select times throughout the day on the Agility Course
- Dogs must remain on leads while waiting for thier turn
- Please consider your dog's dietary requirements and allergies before taking part
- @sophwigo and @Dougiesdashcam will be joining us as the official judge
- Under 16s are welcome to participate but must be supervised by an adult



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SPECIAL GUESTS



[@sophwigo](#)

Soph is a content creator with a community of over 680k followers across TikTok and Instagram.

Her content centres around her miniature dachshunds, Pop and Pheeb, with their annual Christmas advent calendar becoming a particularly popular series, reaching millions of viewers each year.

Having built her platform around dogs, Soph is passionate about finding ways to shine a light on rescue dogs and learn more about the work involved in helping them find loving homes.



[@jesseandwoodytheboxers_](#)

Jesse is a 7 year old boxer, well known amongst her Instagram community of 31.6K followers and TikTok following of 15.8k followers.

Katie (Jesse's Mum) started sharing her life back in 2019 after she was born, and through the years we have been on many adventures together. Her Instagram is dedicated to showing the pure joys of owning a boxer (or any dog really), a best friend, an adventure partner, the ups and the downs but most importantly sharing her squishy face with the world!

Jesse LOVES bonio biscuits, puppacinos, cuddles, is a massive foodie, will do any trick for a snack and absolutely loves everyone who crosses her path.

SPECIAL GUESTS



@brunetteandabulldog

Lauren is the face behind Brunetteandabulldog, where she and her 10-year-old Frenchie, Rocco, share their adventures, dog-friendly days out, travel, lifestyle and everyday life with their lovely community. Lauren is also passionate about supporting animal charities and using her platform to raise awareness and funds for causes close to her heart. She is so excited to be joining us as a judge and can't wait to meet all the gorgeous dogs. She's fully expecting her judging credentials to involve plenty of cuddles and kisses

She's currently training for the London Marathon 2027, so life is a mixture of running, dogs and trying to convince Rocco that she definitely has time for another walk!



@Dougiesdashcam

Jack is the proud owner of dachshund Dougie - or Douglas Von Smugglas, as his online followers know him! Together, they run Dougies Dashcam sharing hilarious skits to wholesome moments.

Dogie is a cheeky character with a huge personality and an unforgettable side-eye. The pair do everything together, from exploring new places to conquering all three UK Peaks - all without breaking a sweat!

SPECIAL GUESTS



@shadowthefriendlydog

Shadow The Friendly Dog is a 3 year old Cane Corso from Manchester with more than 2 million followers across social media.

Known for his calm, gentle nature and love of meeting new people, Shadow's mission is to challenge misconceptions surrounding large dog breeds and show just how friendly they can be.

Shadow is excited to support the BIG Leicester Paw Festival and help judge some of the day's competitions



@nellietheshihpoo

Emma shares life with her two dogs, Nellie, a 5-year-old Shihpoo, and Honey, a Cavapoo puppy, while discovering dog-friendly days out and adventures across Northamptonshire.

Her content celebrates life with her dogs and the places they can explore together, with a focus on finding new dog-friendly experiences.

Emma is passionate about supporting rescue and can't wait to join RSPCA Woodside at The BIG Leicester Paw Festival.

SPECIAL GUESTS



 /Roxanne Freeman

Roxanne is a Leicester-based singer with a lifelong love of music and performing. Having sung for many years, she's excited to be getting back out there after a little break and sharing her passion for music once again.



Get ready for a touch of swing and timeless entertainment with Steve Smith, one of Leicestershire's much-loved tribute performers.

Renowned for his smooth vocals, charismatic stage presence, and celebration of the classic songs made famous by Frank Sinatra, Steve brings the glamour and magic of the Rat Pack era to every performance.

SPECIAL GUESTS



 /theglittersistersduo

The Glitter Sisters Duo are Leicestershire-based sisters Sammy and Rachael, bringing personality and plenty of sparkle to every performance.

With a repertoire of 70s, 80s and Disco Inferno favourites, the duo deliver a lively mix of much-loved classics and feel-good songs, with plenty of opportunities for audiences to sing and dance along.



 @loomesonthemic

Georgia Loomes is a professional vocalist and performer from Leicestershire, with experience performing across the UK in a variety of venues and events. She has worked as a resident vocalist for Warner Hotels and Haven, performed with live bands and entertained audiences of all ages.

Now a full-time solo vocalist, Georgia performs at pubs, clubs, weddings, private events and festivals. Her repertoire spans soul, Motown, rock and pop favourites from the 70s to today, bringing energy, personality and plenty of opportunities for audiences to sing and dance along.

STALLHOLDER DIRECTORY

Discover something new, grab a bite, treat your pup and support local businesses.

Dogs & Pet Care:

- **Pets Raw** - raw pet food
- **Paws London** - dog clothing
- **Pips Pet Treats** - natural dog treats
- **Jade Bramley** - canine physiotherapy
- **Nilz and Harley** - pet services and food products



Crafts, Gifts & Handmade Goods:

- **Ash the Arty** - caricatures
- **Tilfwood** - 3D models and prints
- **4 The Love of Crystals** - crystals and gifts
- **Chris Panteli** - handmade wax and honey products
- **The Urban Animal Studio** - handmade wooden crafts
- **The Wright Glass Maker** - handmade glass accessories



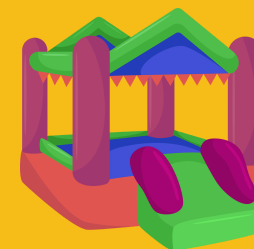
Cakes, Food & Drink:

- **Steve's Ices** - ice cream
- **John Sanderson** - hot dogs
- **PieSky** - pies and homebaked bakes
- **Natalie Newman** - mac & cheese, loaded fries, and vegan options
- **Whitney's Sweets** - Pick n Mix



Kids & Family:

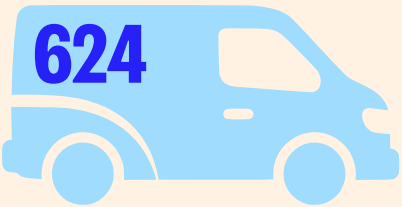
- **Bouncy Castle** - jumping fun
- **Amy Petts** - face painting
- **Hardwell Books** - children's books
- **Broadleaf Tree Care** - seedlings
- **ZigZag Photography** - dog photography sessions
- **Gibbo's Toys** - viral and novelty toys



RSPCA WOODSIDE AT A GLANCE

Every day, cats and dogs arrive at Woodside needing safety, care and a second chance. As a self-funded charity, we rely on the support of our community to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals in need.

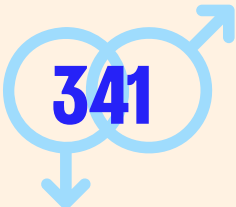
Events like The BIG Leicester Paws Festival helps make that possible. Here's a snapshot of the difference your support made in 2025.



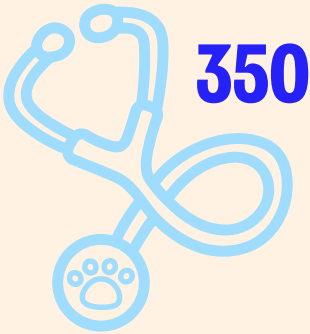
ANIMALS CAME TO RSPCA WOODSIDE



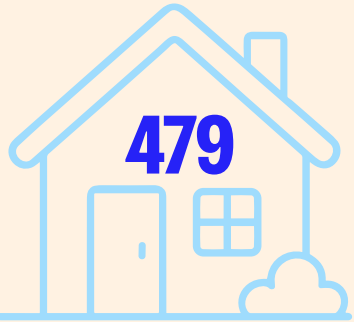
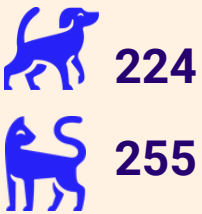
ANIMALS FOSTERED



ANIMALS NEUTERED



ANIMALS MICROCHIPPED



ANIMALS REHOMED



BEFORE



AFTER

**WE ARE AN INDEPENDENT CHARITY
AND RECEIVE NO GOVERNMENT
FUNDING**

**HELP US BE THERE
WHEN THEY NEED US MOST
BE THE DIFFERENCE**

YOUR DONATION CHANGES LIVES



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